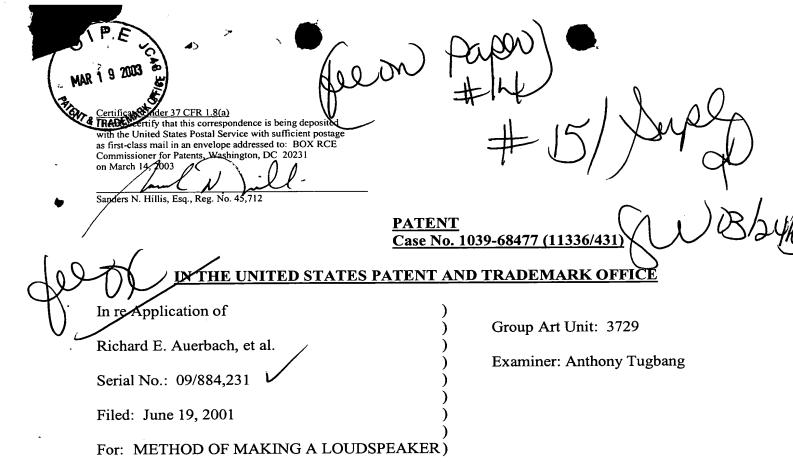
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Please amend claims 1, 2 and 18 and add new claims 28-33 as follows.